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Examiner: Patel, Jagdish)	
Group Art Unit: 3624		

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that the references listed in the attached PTO Form 1449 be considered in the examination of the above-identified patent application.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(d), copies of the references can be found in the file history of United States Application No. 09/621,769, filed July 21, 2000, from which the current application claims priority.

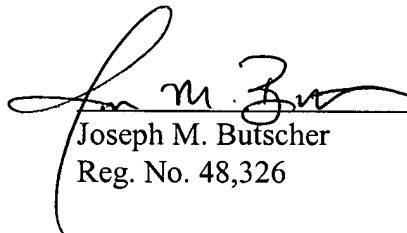
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Consideration of the above-identified references in the examination of the present patent application is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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